

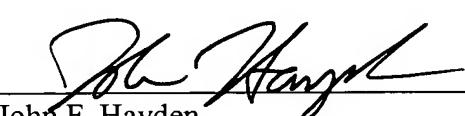
REMARKS

Claims 1-66 and 77-86 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 7, 13, 21, 29, 37, 52, 79 and 83 being independent. Claims 21-66, 77 and 78 have been withdrawn from consideration and claims 79-86 have been added.

Claims 1-20 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Kimura in view of Izumi. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because neither Kimura, Izumi, nor any combination of the two describes or suggests a conductor that comprises an Ag (i.e., silver) particle and has a plated film on its upper and side surfaces, as recited in each of the independent claims. While Kimura describes the use of silver beads to connect wiring lines together, Kimura nowhere describes or suggests a conductor that comprises a silver particle and has a plated film on its upper and side surfaces. Izumi similarly fails to describe or suggest such a conductor. Accordingly, for at least these reasons, the rejection should be withdrawn.

Enclosed is an \$880 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee (\$110) and the Request for Continued Examiners fee (\$770). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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